

# Snohomish County Charter Review Commission

February 25, 2026

Minutes

## **Present:**

Chair Brett Gailey (remote)

Vice-Chair Mark James (presiding)

Commissioner Rob Toyer (remote)

Commissioner Don Vanney

Commissioner Jennifer Gregerson

Commissioner Demi Chatters

Commissioner Shawn O'Donnell

Commissioner Janelle Cass

Commissioner Patrick Decker

Commissioner David Preston

Commissioner Amanda Dodd (entered remotely at 5:47 p.m.)

Commissioner Ben Mahnkey

Commissioner Dale Kaemingk

Commissioner Robin McGee

Commissioner Carolyn Eslick (entered remotely at 5:36 p.m.)

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff (remote)

Peter Condyles, Commission Coordinator

Debbie Eco, County Council Clerk

Lisa Hickey, Assistant County Council Clerk

*\*See names below for those who provided public comment*

### **1. Call to order**

Vice Chair James called the meeting to order at 5:30pm in the Jackson Board Room.

### **2. Roll Call**

The Commission Coordinator called the roll; 13 members were present. Chair Gailey, Commissioner Dodd, and Commissioner Eslick joined remotely shortly after.

### **3. Public Comment**

Public comment was provided by the following:

Doug Roulstone- Snohomish

Eric Bidstrup- Edmonds

Kathy Gill- Lynnwood (remote)

### **4. Approval of Minutes- February 11, 2026**

Commissioner Vanney made a motion to approve the February 11 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Cass seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## **5. Topics of Discussion**

### **a. Introduction of legal counsel**

Vice Chair James introduced the Commission's new legal Counsel Benjamin Goodwin of Thompson Guildner and Associates. Mr. Goodwin then introduced himself to the Commission and discussed the services he will be giving to the Commissioners this year.

### **b. Review of adopted rules regarding proposal submission & deliberation**

Vice Chair James reviewed the adopted rules regarding the submission of proposals to the commission.

The commission discussed the adopted process.

### **c. Procedure for introducing proposals**

Vice Chair James presented a proposed flow chart for introducing proposals to be considered as charter amendments. Commissioners asked questions and discussed potential changes to the flow chart.

### **d. Required public hearings**

Coordinator Condyles briefed the commission on the requirements related to public hearings. He asked for commissioners to send him ideas of potential meeting locations throughout the county.

### **e. Draft proposals**

#### **i. Commissioner proposals**

##### **1. Proposal related to lobbying activity by county officials- Chatters**

The Commission discussed the proposal by Commissioner Chatters. Commissioner Chatters moved that the proposal be advanced for further study, and Commissioner McGee seconded the motion. The motion passed with eight Commissioners voting in favor, and seven voting against.

##### **2. Proposal related to feminine hygiene products in county restrooms- Chatters**

The Commission discussed the proposal by Commissioner Chatters. Commissioner Chatters moved that the proposal be advanced for further study, and Commissioner McGee seconded the motion. The motion failed with four Commissioners voting in favor, and eleven voting against.

**3. Proposal related to making the offices of Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Sheriff, and Treasurer partisan- Chatters**

The Commission discussed the proposal by Commissioner Chatters. Commissioner Chatters moved that the proposal be advanced for further study, and Commissioner Gregerson seconded the motion. The motion failed with three Commissioners voting in favor, and twelve voting against.

**4. Proposal related to expanding the County Council from five members to seven- Gregerson**

The Commission discussed the proposal by Commissioner Gregerson. Commissioner Gregerson moved that the proposal be advanced for further study, and Commissioner Kaemingk seconded the motion. The motion passed with six Commissioners voting in favor, and nine against.

**5. Proposal related to making the offices of County Executive, County Prosecutor, and County Councilmember non-partisan- James, Mahnkey**

The commission discussed the proposal by Commissioners James and Mahnkey. Commissioner Mahnkey moved that the proposal be advanced for further study, and Commissioner Vanney seconded the motion. The motion passed with eleven Commissioners voting in favor, and four voting against.

**ii. Public proposals sponsored by a commissioner**

None

**6. Other Business**

None

**7. Adjourn**

Commissioner Toyer made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, and it passed unanimously. The Commission was adjourned at 6:53pm.